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n re Application of: Marshall et al

Group Art Unit: 1746

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For: Apparatus for Contaminant Removal §
Using Natural Convection Flow and §

Changes in Solubility Concentration §

by Temperatures

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR PATENT WITHOUT AN OATH OR DECLARATION EXECUTED BY ALL THE INVENTORS

Dear Sirs:

Southwest Research Institute, to whom the named inventors have assigned the instant application, respectfully requests that this petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) be entered on behalf of and as agent for all the inventors.

The oath or declaration for the instant application has been signed by the following joint inventors: Mary C. Marshall, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 23734 Up Mountain Road, San Antonio, Texas; Christopher J. Freitas, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 7407 Chenal Point, San Antonio, Texas; William T. Roberds, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2318 Kelso, San Antonio, Texas; Gordon D. Pollard, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 14630 Ladd Road, Atascosa, Texas; and Jill Blake, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 6355 Del Monte Dr., Houston, Texas.

The oath or declaration for the instant application has not been signed by the following joint inventor: John G. Franjione, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 50 Maynard Street, Apt. 117, Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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A declaration, an assignment for the application, a check in the amount of \$65.00, along with a return receipt were sent by certified mailed to John G. Franjione on July 23, 2002. The documents were accepted and the return receipt was signed by Mr. Franjione on August 12, 2002 (see copy attached). The declaration has not been returned to us for filing by the filing deadline.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is necessary to avoid abandonment. The petition does not alter the ownership interest or title of the instant application.

Enclosed please find a check for \$655.00 (\$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h); \$460.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3); and \$65.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(l)). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this petition, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2098-08) maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C.

Respectfully submitted

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